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Wiretapping Disclosed By U.S. in Boston Case

The Justice Department yesterday disclosed another use of electronic devices in federal investigations as trial opened in Boston in a tax evasion case.

Bernard G. McGarry of Boston, who has been charged with evading federal taxes, went on trial as the government revealed the use of a wiretap in 1963 to pick up some of McGarry's conversations.

The revelation in the Boston federal court was the second disclosure yesterday of government eavesdropping. Earlier, the department had announced that it had used electronic listening devices on three Miami gamblers who went on trial in Florida yesterday on charges of running an interstate gambling operation.

Yesterday's disclosures made a total of 14 incidents of federal agents' use of electronic surveillance since the government made its first such disclosure last spring.

More Expected

Further disclosures are expected to be made as the Justice Department continues a wide-ranging review of past and present criminal investigations to see where and how eavesdropping had been done by federal agents.

The Boston disclosure involved the use of a telephone wiretap installed and monitored by the Internal Revenue Service, the Justice Department announcement said.

The wiretap was installed in 1962 on the telephone of an unidentified individual living in St.

Miami. It was left installed for about 13 months, and near the end of that period, agents overheard two conversations in which McGarry's "gambling activities" were discussed.

The department told the Boston court that the wiretapping had not produced evidence for use in the tax evasion prosecution of McGarry, nor had it led to evidence used against him.

Miami Case

In the other revelation yesterday of federal eavesdropping, the department said two hidden microphones and one telephone wiretap were used in Miami between 1961 and 1965, and that these devices had picked up some conversations involving Gilbert Lee Beckley, Morton Kane and Martin Sklaroff, all identified as Miami gamblers.

The hidden microphones in that case, the department said, were installed in private residences by FBI agents. The telephone wiretap was installed by IRS agents.